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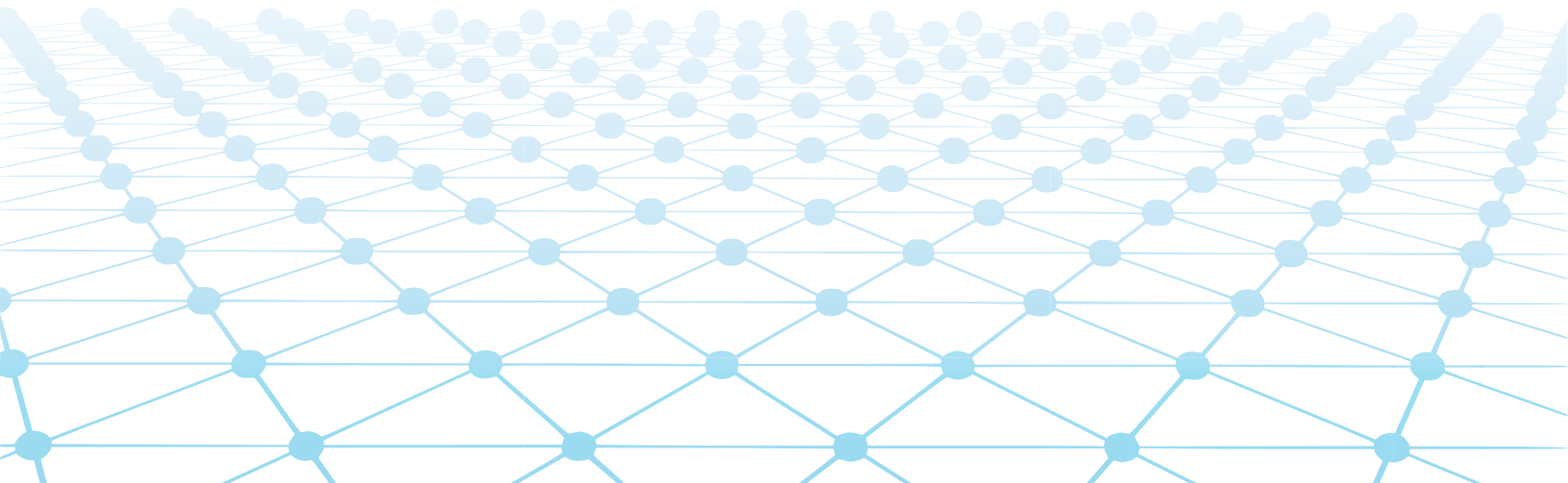
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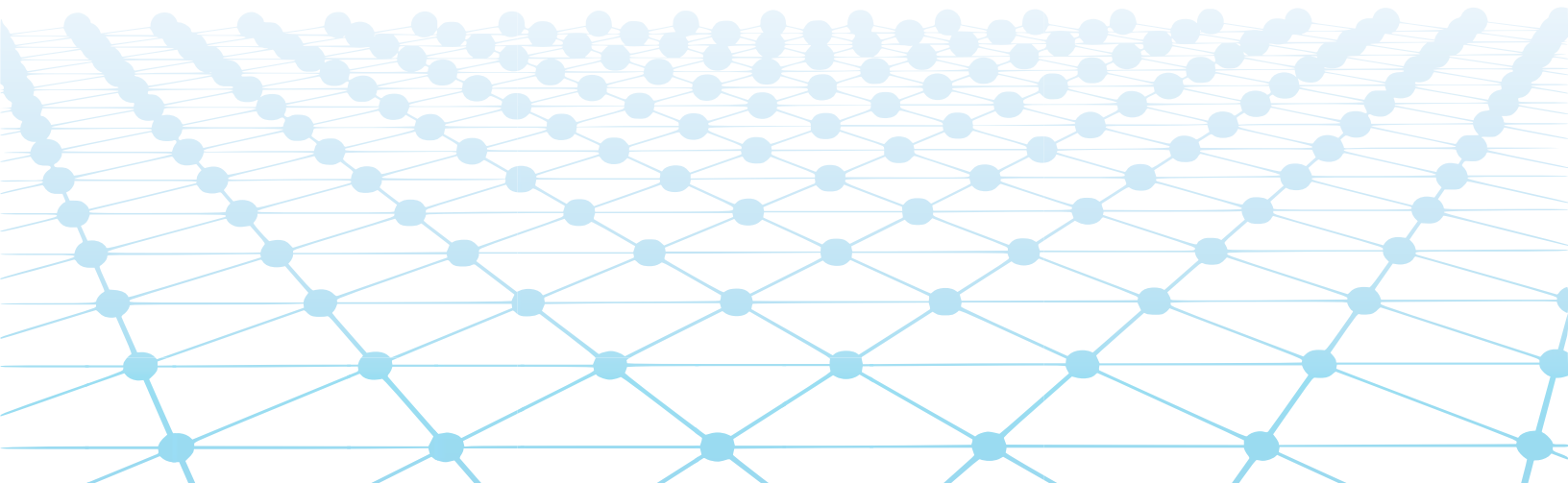
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Since its inception 115 years ago, Rotary has been known for building a better world through its areas of focus and avenues of service, providing Rotarians with a strong common purpose and direction.



# International Peace and Understanding

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Past District Governor **Douglas “Doug” Vincent**, Zone 24’s Representative to the United Nations, made an interesting presentation on the depth of the involvement of Rotary in the peace efforts of the UN.

He shared how, in 1930, a Rotarian from Nashville, Tennessee, came up with a brilliant idea of developing “International Institutes of

Understanding” that would promote international understanding and world peace. It spread in Texas until the idea reached



Rotary’s presentation of the United Nations charter, “From Here On!”

different parts of the globe. Senior world leaders embraced the concept and included Rotary’s leaders in discussions on creating the UN as we know it today.

Even before the UN was formed in 1945, Rotary already held a significant role in other exploratory meetings on international peace, such as the publishing of “Respect for Human Rights” which was discussed in the 1940 RI Convention in Havana, Cuba. The document significantly served as a blueprint of the UN Universal Declaration of Human Rights in 1948. Discussions of the creation of an organization like UNESCO started as early as 1942 – in the RI Convention in London, UK.



Institute Chair PDG Isidro "Sid" Garcia and Vice Chair PDG Edna Sutter recognize plenary speaker PDG Douglas "Doug" Vincent, Zone 24 Representative to the United Nations



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Members are Key!

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PDG Douglas "Doug" Vincent emphasizes the need for a stronger membership to promote the shared vision of UN and Rotary, international peace.

US President **Franklin Roosevelt** and UK Prime Minister **Winston Churchill** had their eyes on Rotary when they were planning the establishment of the UN. Rotary did not even have to win their stamp of approval; the two leaders basically had the knowledge of Rotary's normal proceedings such as successful international institutes and other Rotary events. Roosevelt and Churchill recognized that Rotary was already living their vision of the UN.

A total of 49 Rotarians took part in the meetings leading to the formation of the UN. The second president of the UN General Assembly was a Rotarian, Gen. **Carlos P. Romulo**, a member of the **Rotary Club of Manila**. The Rotary booklet "From Here On" helped encourage people to use the UN Charter document as a map for service and peace.

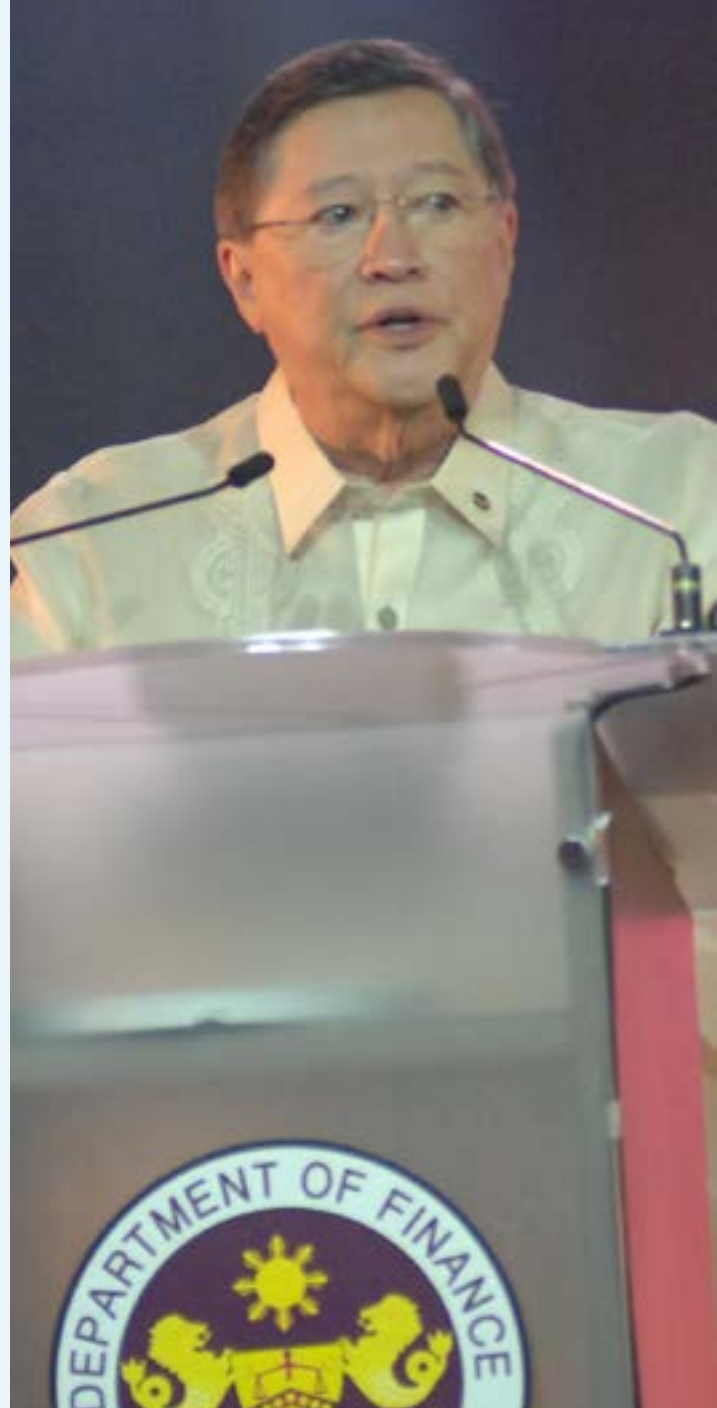
UN and Rotary truly enjoy a long history of partnership and a shared vision of promoting world peace.

# Economic and Community Development

Rotarians, being professionals, businessmen, entrepreneurs and government leaders, carry out vocations and service projects that enhance economic and community development.

The 2019 Manila Rotary Institute demonstrated the Rotarians' deep interest in the economy of the Philippines by inviting among its esteemed row of guests the Philippines' Department of Finance

Secretary **Carlos "Sonny" Dominguez III** who reaffirmed the importance of Rotary in nation-building during his speech at the first night of the institute.



Philippine Secretary of Finance Carlos "Sonny" Dominguez III speaks on the economic successes of the Philippine government

*“In the spirit of building a better world, Rotarians are deeply interested in the economy of the Philippines.”*

Secretary Sonny Dominguez, a member of the **Rotary Club of Manila**, commended Rotary International for its deep commitment to social service. He is looking forward to more future partnerships between Rotary and the Philippine government.

He reported the economic accomplishments over the past three years of the Philippine government under the Duterte administration, including the strong annual GDP growth of 6-7%, a reduction in poverty, and the sustainable high growth rate achieved over the past three years. He is counting on Rotarians to help spread the word on the country’s impressive economic growth.

His speech was returned with a loud applause, proof of a strong support of Rotary for the strengthening of the economic growth already achieved by the Philippine government.

# Mediation and Arbitration: Conflict Prevention and Resolution

**N**o organization is perfect and Rotary is no exception. At times, internal conflicts come up in the districts.

The **Rotary International Manual of Procedures** (RI MOP) is the Bible of every Rotarian when it comes to dealing with internal affairs. Article 24 of the RI MOP provides a general guide on how to resolve internal conflicts and has been the rule of thumb in Rotary districts and clubs around the world.

The **Philippine College of Rotary Governors** (PCRG), however, saw the need to come up with more specific procedures. On February 25, 2019, a model was adopted by the PCRG following one of Sun Tzu's famous doctrines: *"The supreme art of war is to subdue the enemy without fighting."*



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The important but sensitive topic of “Mediation and Arbitration – A Model for Conflict Resolution Within Rotary” was taken up in a breakout group facilitated by PCRG Chair, PDG **Raul Peralta**, with past PCRG Chair, PDG **Samuel “Sammy” Pagdilao**, as resource person. PDG Sammy Pagdilao presented the PCRG model with three levels of jurisdiction for resolving disputes: the club, the district and the PCRG (or in other countries, a similar organization).



The model proposed these steps: The complaining party files a written request for mediation with the District Governor (DG) who, upon assessment that the request is proper for mediation, refers the dispute to a mediator. The mediator communicates with the counter-party and asks for a reply in not more than ten days after receipt of the complaint. The mediator calls for conciliation within ten days from submission of reply towards reaching an amicable settlement, at the end of which he terminates the conciliation. The mediator submits a written report to the DG within ten days from termination of the conciliation. If in case the conciliation fails at the district level, the DG may seek the intervention of the PCRG.

The implementation of the mechanism prevents the districts from immediately submitting a complaint directly to the RI Board of Directors.

Recommendations were brought to the fore. One is to require the mediator to undergo training to acquire the requisite skills and ensure consistency in handling complaints. Another is to add a confidentiality clause to all documents.





A third is to make use of the internet between parties separated by physical distance, especially in districts that cover a wide area. A fourth is to specify a time frame for all of the steps, since Rotarians usually have busy schedules. And finally, it was recommended to fine-tune the model to adapt to cultural differences.

The session ended with Past RI Director **Guiller Tumangan** reminding everyone that tolerance is necessary between Rotarians. He said that Rotary was founded in 1905 on the friendship between the first Rotarians, Paul Harris, Gustavus Loehr, Silvester Schiele and Hiram Shorey. Tolerance and friendship must always prevail.

As a final note, a motion was raised for the model to be submitted to the plenary of the Institute for its adoption subject to modification upon due consideration of the respective cultures.

The motion was approved in a plenary session.

PRID Guiller Tumangan reminds the participants that tolerance is necessary between Rotarians, since Rotary was founded in 1905 based on friendship and fellowship



# Dengue Control: Disease Prevention and Treatment

**M**oderator PDG **Datuk Hj Zainie Aucasa** said that amidst the myriad of health issues in the world, dengue remains to be a top concern.

Resource speaker PDG **Ir John “John” Cheah Kam Loong** urged Rotarians to be the catalyst of the disease’s widespread prevention, through three ways: 1) *Environmental management* is correcting breeding places where stagnant water gathers. He also advised mindful landscaping, such as eliminating the use of water-collecting plants (like the popular *bromeliads*), replacing these with mosquito repellent plants, and ensuring proper drainage. People should be mindful in selecting their wardrobe, by wearing a long-sleeved top and pants. Families can use mosquito nets. 2) *Chemical control* can be as simple as using anti-dengue paints and the



At the end of the day, the best cure for dengue is still prevention. Rotarians are the catalysts through environmental management, chemical control and biological control.

appropriate insecticides. And, 3) *Biological control* includes introducing animals that eat the mosquito vectors, such as guppy fish and copepods.

He said that a recently developed measure is to breed mosquitoes that carry *wolbachia pipientis*, a bacterium that blocks the insects' ability to spread the fearsome virus; it is injected into the eggs of *aedes aegypti*



mosquitoes which spread this to their offspring. This technology reduced dengue cases by 40% in Kuala Lumpur.

PDG **Virachai Jamroendarasame** discussed the four serotypes of the dengue virus.

Infection by one serotype usually provides immunity against itself. A subsequent infection of the other three serotypes may lead to hospitalization, even death.

Dengvaxia—a vaccine to prevent all four dengue serotypes—is the first anti-dengue vaccine approved by the US Food and Drug Administration to cater to patients ages 9 to 16. Dengue vaccine development still faces a lot of challenges.



This is primarily why he suggested an integrated model to address the dengue war: vaccination, a well-executed vector control environment, and evidence-based clinical care. There are no permanent treatments for dengue, just yet; hence, the strategy is to implement prevention and early treatment.

PDG **Michael Yee Yik Fa** said human beings are the natural host of the main vector *aedes aegypti* and *aedes albopictus*. The infective female breeds in clear water whose biting activity is reduced by low temperatures around 14 degrees centigrade.

Dengue has 3 classifications: Dengue fever, Dengue hemorrhagic fever (DHF) and Dengue shock syndrome (DSS).

With dengue fever, children will appear asymptomatic 1 to 5 days before fever, rhinitis, mild cough, and/or pharyngeal inflammation kick in. After incubation of 2 to 7 days, rapid onset of fever will materialize. Treatment is through antipyretic drug or cold sponging or use of fluids and electrolytes. Aspirin is contraindicated.

Dengue hemorrhagic fever (DHF) is characterized by hemorrhage, leakage from capillaries, and shock in severe cases. In addition to these, Dengue Shock Syndrome (DSS) presents bleeding into the tissues, bruising, and slow blood clotting. There are no antiviral medicines given, only supportive measures such as antipyretic to avoid convulsion, fluid intake, and observation of signs of shock in children. In cases of shock, there is a need for hospital admission.





Re-infection should be prevented because if the patient survived the first time, the second could be fatal.

It was made clear that vaccine should only be given to those who have had dengue. There is ongoing research on organic sources, such as plants, to replace chemical vaccines. There are studies on oil extracts from lemongrass; oil extracts are now being used as insect repellants in the Philippines.

At the end of the day, the best cure is still prevention.

# Protecting the Environment



Protecting the environment is a primordial concern for everyone. Because of its importance, there were three breakout groups on this subject.

In one breakout group, PDG **Pervez Ahsan Khan** was the resource speaker. PDG **Jose A.R. “Pepito” Bengzon III** was the moderator.

Five top issues that need priority consideration were identified: 1) climate change and global warming, 2) deforestation, 3) air pollution, 4) water quality and scarcity, and 5) ocean water pollution.

In Bangladesh, PDG **K.M. Zainul Abedin “Zainul”** said that 2/3 of the country is most affected. There is a need to work with government agencies to educate the communities, create awareness and encourage their involvement to improve the environment.

PDG **Iftihar Ahmed** said that according to the 2018 Global Climate Risk Index released by the public policy



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group Germanwatch, Pakistan is among ten countries most affected by climate change, where average temperatures are predicted to rise faster.

### PDG **Pacifico “Boy” Aniang**

emphasized that there has to be a global effort to plant billions of trees; it is one of the cheapest ways to tackle environmental problems. Perhaps Rotary could take the lead.



PDG **Joseph Michael “Yumi” P Espina** stressed that further climate change is now the “new normal,” as manifested in earthquakes and typhoons. The efforts of Rotarians to carry out environmental projects are largely reactive. There must be a global strategic plan and a strong political will in every country to contain environmental damages.

The recommendations were: 1) Rotary should create another area of focus on environment, and allow Global Grants to support this; 2) There must be a collaborative effort of government and the private sector to protect the environment, where Rotary should take an active role; 3) In low income countries, communities should be encouraged to engage in economically viable



environmental projects; and 4) *Preserve Planet Earth* must be continued to address the environmental crisis.

A second breakout group had PDG **Roberto “Obet” Pagdanganan** as resource speaker. The discussion started rolling with a list of alarming climate change

symptoms: massive forest fires, plastic in our oceans, rising global temperatures, powerful storms, melting of the polar ice caps, rising of the water levels, and rising emissions of carbon dioxide. He cited efforts made by his club, the **Rotary Club of Manila**, to plant and nurture trees that help the livelihood of farmers.

Expounding the issues further were panelists PDG **Shohid Ahmed Chowdhury**, PDG **Syed Ebrahim Shah**, PDG **Mohammed Abdul Awwal**, and DGE **Tazeen Ahmad Kamboh**. They explained that the proposal for a seventh area of focus on the environment was not approved because the **Council on Legislation** believes that environmental protection is already integrated in the six other areas of focus of Rotary.

Moderator PDG **Vicente “Tito” Enriquez** said that Rotary can attract and retain millennials by addressing causes valuable to them – environment, among them.

The third breakout group had PDG **Yau Fang Chen “Gary”** as resource speaker. The panelists were PDG **Chun-Liang Kuo “DK,”** PDG **Jenn-Pam Horng “JP,”** PDG **Wen-Chao Shen “Allen,”** PDG **TienMu Chiu “Polish,”** and PDG **Ching-Polou Chwang**. Moderator was PDG **Lian-Fong Lin “ARC Noemi.”**



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